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Remarks

The undersigned appreciates the Examiner's taking the time on January 30, 2006 to briefly discuss this case and taking the time on February 14, 2006, to provide the information on *In re Bigio*, 72 USPQ2d 1209 at 1211 (Fed. Cir. 2004).

The present amendment cancels claims 1-5 without prejudice, these claims are currently the subject of a separate application. The proposed amendments to claims 6 and 11, which were submitted in the first amendment filed in response to the Final Action of September 6, 2005, are not submitted herein.

Withdrawn claims 1-5 are cancelled, without prejudice, herein, in accordance with Rule § 1.116(b)(1), since after a final rejection, "[a]n amendment may be made canceling claims". *Id.*

The allowability of claims 10 and 15, in independent form, is again gratefully acknowledged. However, these claims should be allowable in dependent form for the reasons set forth below.

Claims 6-9, 11-14, 16 and 17 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable based on Karim. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention relates to a process whereby a coating or film is provided. The present remarks are submitted in order to clarify that the coating or film provided by the claimed process does not include an adhesive. The cited reference, Karim, identifies its composition as an adhesive.

According to the Coatings Technology Handbook, 2ND Ed., D. Satas and A. A. Tracton, 2001, p. 396 (attached to the first amendment filed in response to the Final Action of September 6, 2005), "an adhesive must adhere to one substrate, then to a second substrate." *Id.* Applicant expressly disclaims the coating or film being provided by the presently claimed invention as encompassing an adhesive

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which "must adhere to one substrate, then to a second substrate," as defined in the Coatings Technology Handbook. *Id.*

In accordance with the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention overcomes rejection based on Karim.

For the sake of brevity, any statements in the Office Action not specifically discussed herein are not agreed to thereby.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if there are any outstanding issues in this case.

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